

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting
March 27, 1947
Afternoon Session
3:00 P. M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order, with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call

Present : Councilman Glass, Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf - 4

Absent : Councilman Bartholomew - 1

Present also: Guiton Morgan, City Manager; J. E. Motheral, Director of Public Works; Trueman E. O'Quinn, City Attorney;

Present also: Members of the City Plan Commission, Geo. B. Hatley, Owner of Rollingwood Addition; A. B. Hatley, Owner of Bluffington Addition; Doak Rainey, Engineer; Mr. Pinkney, representing Ewing Addition; and a large delegation of citizens and property owners in said Additions.

The Mayor stated that this was one of a series of meetings with the Subdividers of Rollingwood and Bluffington Additions regarding entrances into Zilker Park and settlement of differences between the two Subdividers relative to connecting roads through said Additions; that it now appeared that an agreement had been reached between the Subdividers regarding the roads, and the remaining matter to be settled was the granting of legal entrances into Zilker Park, said Subdividers having heretofore made such entrances by cutting the fences without permission from the City.

In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out by Councilman Thornberry that the plats of Bluffington and Rollingwood Additions contained anti-Semitic restrictions and in very strong terms denounced such discrimination as un-American and declared that these restrictions should be removed before the City Council approved the plats or granted any concessions to the Subdividers. Mayor Miller also declared that such restrictions should be removed, and called upon the Subdividers to do so without delay, stating that while the City had no legal authority in the matter, it did have the right to ask the City Plan Commission not to approve plats carrying such restrictions, and did have the right to deny both Subdivisions the use of City water lines and entrances into Zilker Park until this was done.

Several property owners in Rollingwood and Bluffington Additions present voiced their opposition to the removal of such restrictions,

declaring that they bought property there because of these restrictions, and that if same were removed it would decrease the value of their property.

After considerable discussion, it was finally agreed by both Subdividers that they would make an effort to get their property owners to agree to removal of such restrictions, and in consideration of this agreement, the City Council deferred action for one week on ordering the entrances to Zilker Park closed in order to give the Subdividers time in which to get such waiver of restrictions.

Upon motion, seconded and carried, the meeting was then recessed at 5:50 P. M., subject to call of the Mayor.

Tom Miller
APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Helene M. Kellan

CITY CLERK